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Additional ARRA stimulus funds likely for ITS project. We received word this past week that the City of Franklin will very likely receive through the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) an additional \$225,000 for a project that expands our ITS or Intelligent Traffic System (previously funded at \$1 million). The ITS project will expand service in the Cool Springs area increasing the number of cameras in the area from 5 to 18 and providing for fiber connection/connectivity among all of the cameras in the heavily travelled area of the community. ITS enables us to manage traffic flow and reduce congestion through the application of integrated communication and traffic control technology. I want to recognize the outstanding efforts of staff (**Kevin Comstock** in particular) and **our consultant RPM**, who have put in incredible efforts over the past two weeks to keep this project on track and to enable us to receive this additional funding. We did not receive notice to proceed with final design from TDOT until January 15th. We will continue to push to keep the project on track. Great work by our project team!

Congratulations to **Pam Conner-Davis** who has received her **PHR certification through HRCI**. Pam has been employed by the City of Franklin for twenty-five years and has been a team member of the HR Department since 1994. The City of Franklin Department of Human Resources now has four employees who have PHR certifications.

Jennifer Woods in Purchasing is taking a big challenge in her life and losing weight with WSMV and their Better Nashville program subway **get fit weight loss challenge**. It is very difficult to lose weight, but to do it in front of thousands of viewers is even more challenging. You can view Jennifer's profile on WSMV.com and follow her progress at <http://www.wsmv.com/subwaygetfitchallenge/index.html>. So far Jennifer has lost about 20 pounds since she started the program on January 23rd. She has really appreciated the support of her City family. Jennifer says her ultimate goal is to be healthy and fit enough to become a police officer.

Last night my **Leadership Franklin** group along with **Andrew Orr** and **Milissa Reiersen** launched the Live Green Partnership with City of Franklin Businesses. We are asking businesses to go green in time for St. Patrick's Day. There is a list of criteria on the Website along with a form they can fill out online on our **Live Green** page. We'll be talking with chambers in Franklin and Cool Springs throughout February. Businesses that sign up will get recognition with a signed certificate from the Mayor, decals for their store, restaurant or business and their name on the Live Green Web page.

Franklin Fire is going **RED** today. Not for flames or fire trucks, but for National Wear Red Day. Thousands of Americans will be wearing red to draw attention to women and cardiovascular disease. If you'd like to learn more about GO RED and Give go to the American Heart Association **Go Red & Give campaign**.

https://donate.americanheart.org/ecommerce/donation/donation_info.jsp?campaignId=167&site=Heart&itmId=prod20008

Do you have a **cute pet**...maybe an interesting pet that's not so cute? We'd like to feature a photo of your pet in the upcoming newsletter and see if employees can match the pet with the owner. Send your photos of your pets to **Monique McCullough** at moniquem@franklinn.gov.

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